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NOTES FROM LT. COL. CHRISTIAN KUBIK, 1ST INF. DIV. AND FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

"What's new on Fort Riley?" is a question I often hear. These days, the answer is "Soldiers and their Families." With the accelerated build-up of our 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, we're seeing a lot of new Soldiers. This month, Fort Riley is nearly to the 14,000 Soldier population level. Add in our 1,700 Transition Team folks, and we're nearly to 16,000. That's a lot of new Soldiers - far more than the 10,000 or so we had when I arrived a year and a half ago.

But what some of us may not realize is that out of those 14,000 assigned, we have 6,620 1st ID Soldiers deployed (and another 2,400 Transition Team members deployed as well). That's a tremendous number of Soldiers out in dangerous places.

How dangerous? Well, our 4th Brigade just deployed two months ago and they have already lost nine Soldiers. Each of these Soldiers had a life, a family, a mother and a

father, and aspirations, just like your own son or daughter today. The toll on our Soldiers has been absolutely staggering to all of us. Each death is a terrible tragedy.

Those Soldiers you see now, out and about, downtown, in the grocery store? There's a good chance those very Soldiers will deploy soon as well. Some won't come back. So please, your continued support of these young Soldiers and their Families does make a big difference. Come to see them off at their deployment ceremonies. Shake their hands. Come to one of those oh-dark-thirty redeployment ceremonies and welcome back those Soldiers. Do what Kansans do best - make them feel welcome to this great state and appreciated for what they do. That's what the Army knows Fort Riley for - super support from our great surrounding communities. Thanks to each and every one of you for this great support. Duty First!

Lt. Col. Christian Kubik

NOTES FROM APRIL BLACKMON, COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER

This has been a busy month at Fort Riley. The Directorate of Public Works recently completed construction of the roundabout joining Huebner and Williston Point roads, which began October 2006. Some 150 Soldiers returned from the Horn of Africa March 26. Picerne Military Housing broke ground on new Camp Forsyth housing construction April 2. And Rex's Bark Park on Main Post opened March 30.

Your continued care and support of our Soldiers and their Families is appreciated. If you ever have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at april.blackmon@us.army.mil.

April M. Blackmon

Approximate population figures

	Sept. '05	Sept. '06	FY 2011
Soldiers	10,060	12,533	18,300
Family members	12,714	15,695	25,660
On Post	7,751	7,854	
Off Post	4,963	7,841	17,740
Civilian Employees	5,805	8,089*	6,800
Retirees	19,752	19,928	unknown
Total	48,331	56,245	~70,000

* Includes temporary contractors for peak construction period.

Transition Teams, deployments remain top missions

TRANSITION TEAM TRAINING



Brig. Gen. Dana Pittard, Iraq Assistance Group commander and the 1st Infantry Division's assistant division commander for maneuver, talks to transition team Soldiers doing combat lifesaver training March 30 at Forward Operating Base Army Strong on Camp Funston during his two-day visit.

The brigadier general overseeing the transition team mission in Iraq is scheduled to return in July and then depart to the National Training Center to be commanding general. Brig. Gen. Dana Pittard has been overseeing the mission and providing valuable feedback to 1st Inf. Div. leaders at Fort Riley since July 2006. Brig. Gen. James Yarbrough will assume the duty of overseeing the transition team Soldiers in Iraq.

Fort Riley will train about 4,500 transition team service members this year. Their mission is to advise, teach and mentor Iraqi Security Forces and the Afghan National Army.

Numbers as of Apr. 23:	Currently training	Trained & deployed	Total
Operation Iraqi Freedom	907	1,422	2,329
Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)	863	1,024	1,887
Total servicemembers	1,770	2,446	4,216

DEPLOYED/DEPLOYING UNITS

Our active duty strength on post is about 14,000, but about 6,600 of those Soldiers are deployed. The Soldiers and Families were notified recently that their tours would be extended three months. We ask that you keep these Soldiers and their Families back home in your thoughts. If you can, please come to our deployment and redeployment (welcome back) ceremonies – they are always open to the public (see p. 4 for ceremony dates).

Currently deployed (about 6,600 Soldiers total):

- 774th Ordnance Company (EOD) (Afghanistan)
- 1st Maintenance Company
- 1st Engineer Battalion
- HHC, 541st Combat Support Sustainment Battalion
- Companies B and C, 1st Battalion, 16th Inf., 1st Brigade
- Companies B and C, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Brigade
- Batteries B and D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade
- Troop D, 4th Cavalry, 1st Brigade
- HHD, 97th Military Police Battalion
- Individual elements, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron
- 4th Inf. Brigade Combat Team
- 977th Military Police Company
- 70th Engineer Battalion (Afghanistan)
- 97th Military Police Battalion working dog teams



Fort Riley paid tribute March 29 to Spc. Stephen Richardson, Sgt. Wayne Cornell, who were killed March 20; and Sgt. Curtis Eric Glawson, Jr., who also was killed March 20.

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This has been a tough month for the Fort Riley community. From March 15 to April 16, nine Fort Riley Soldiers were killed while supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

- 266th Movement Control Team
- 24th Transportation Company
- 2-2 Heavy Equipment Transportation Detachment

Scheduled to deploy (specific timeframes vary):

- 116th Military Police Company
- F Det., 15th Finance Battalion
- Headquarters, 1st Sustainment Brigade
- Combat Aviation Brigade

DIVISION COMPOSITION

1st Infantry Division Headquarters is scheduled to modularize in fiscal year 2008, growing from 340 to 850 Soldiers. The headquarters oversees the brigades listed below.

1st Brigade Combat Team has the lead for the Fort Riley transition team training mission. The brigade has approximately 825 Soldiers as cadre for this mission. Additionally, the brigade has nearly 1,650 Soldiers deployed as security force elements to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division is standing up at Fort Hood, Texas. The activation ceremony was conducted on April 19 at Fort Hood. This infantry brigade combat team eventually will be stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. Approximately 1,300 Soldiers are assigned. End strength will be about 3,400. Currently, the brigade has no deployment orders.

3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division is building up to 3,700 personnel this year and will become a Heavy Brigade Combat Team. The transformation ceremony was held April 17 at Fort Riley. The ceremony signified their conversion from a "legacy" armored brigade to a Heavy



Maj. Craig Manville, operations officer for 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 4th IBCT, from Springfield, Mo., greets an Iraqi boy April 3 during a combat patrol in the Rashid District of Baghdad.

Brigade Combat Team. Tanks, Bradleys and other heavy vehicles have returned. Training exercises will begin in the coming months. In the winter, the brigade is scheduled to reflag as the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Currently, no deployment orders have been received. The brigade also maintains command and control for the 70th Engineer Battalion, which is deployed to Afghanistan.

4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and its 3,400 Soldiers are deployed to Iraq and are conducting operations in the Baghdad area.

Combat Aviation Brigade currently has approximately 2,200 Soldiers assigned. The unit is expecting nearly 120 aircraft total, including Kiowas. This medium aviation brigade is preparing for its upcoming deployment to Iraq late this summer. The 1-1 Attack Battalion recently left for a month-long rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. The 3-1 Assault Battalion will depart for its month-long rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., in late May.

1st Sustainment Brigade modularized in February 2007. The headquarters is preparing for its upcoming deployment this summer. The brigade headquarters has approximately 270 Soldiers assigned.



Pvt. Kenneth Hill, 116th Military Police Company, scans the terrain from a Humvee turret during the company's convoy live fire exercise April 13. The company is preparing for its upcoming deployment in May to Iraq.



UPCOMING POST EVENTS

For more information on these activities, visit www.riley.army.mil and click on the "Events" calendar

5/4	Discover Riley's Treasures - May 4
5/5	Post-Wide Yard Sale
5/8	Sponsorship Training - May 8
5/9	Education Services Combined Graduation Ceremony

COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

These events are open to the public. For more information, visit www.riley.army.mil and click on the "Events" calendar or call the Community Relations Office at (785) 239-2022.

Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard will participate in the following events:

April 27 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Oatville Elementary School Pioneer Day Wichita
May 4-6 Evenings	Professional Rodeo Cowboys Assn. Rodeo Guymon, Okla.
May 11-12	George Washington Carver Arts and Crafts Festival Tuskegee, Ala.
May 16 10 a.m.	Demonstration for Lifeskills Assembly Schilling Elementary School, Salina, Kan.
May 17 9:30 a.m.	Demonstration for elementary schools Fort Riley

1st Infantry Division Band will participate in the following events:

May 7 7 p.m.	City of Lenexa 100-year Celebration Lenexa
May 9 Evening	Phillipsburg Jazz Band event Huck Boyd Center
May 18 6:30 p.m.	Abilene concert Eisenhower Presidential Library

Fort Riley speakers

May 19 4 p.m.	Special Military Active and Retired Travel Club Col. Jeffrey Ingram will speak about the transition team mission and 1st Infantry Division. Kansas State Fairgrounds in the Meadowlark Building, Hutchinson, Kan.
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CEREMONIES & EVENTS

You are invited to attend the following ceremonies and events.

For more information, call the Community Relations Office at (785) 239-2022.

- **May 1**—116th Military Police Company deployment ceremony, 2 p.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **May 5** — Post-wide yard sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **May 9** — Post Graduation, 1 p.m., Riley's Conference Center
- **May 17** — 101st Forward Support Bn. Change of Command, 9 a.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **May 18** — Asian-Pacific Heritage Observance, 11:45 a.m., Riley's Conference Center
- **May 28** — Memorial Day Ceremony, 11:40 a.m., Post Cemetery
- **June 6** — 1st Bn., 5th Field Artillery Change of Command, 9 a.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **June 8** — 1st Bn., 16th Infantry Change of Command, 9 a.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **June 12** — 10th Air Support Operations Squadron Change of Command, 9 a.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **June 13** — Sustainment Bde. Deployment Ceremony, 9 a.m., Cavalry Parade Field
- **June 14** — Army Birthday Celebration, 10 a.m., outside Cavalry Museum

FORT RILEY NEWS

For more information, visit www.riley.army.mil and click on "Current News" under Public Affairs

OIF/OEF deployment tours extended The Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Army announced April 11 that active component Army unit deployment tours will be extended from 12 to 15 months in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait.

Deployed Soldiers' children walk with lineup at Royals' opening game Camera flashes, a standing ovation and a sold-out stadium greeted nine Fort Riley children as they strutted onto a major league baseball field hand-in-hand with starting professional baseball players.

Aviation practices Fallen Angel Exercise In a digital exercise at Camp Funston March 28, Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade practiced reacting to a helicopter crash.

IAG commander gives press conference, observes TT training The commander of the Iraq Assistance Group sat down with seven local journalists at Forward Operating Base Army Strong to discuss the current state of the TT mission in Iraq and where it's headed.

TRAINING ITEMS OF INTEREST

We know our training can have an effect on you. We will try to keep you as informed as we can on upcoming training exercises you could see or hear.

Mid-April to Mid-May: 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment will be deployed to the National Training Center for a month-long rotation in preparation for the Combat Aviation Brigade's upcoming deployment.



FOR MORE NEWS

- LOG ON TO WWW.RILEY.ARMY.MIL AND CLICK ON "KEEPING COMMUNITIES INFORMED"



EMPLOYMENT/CONTRACTING

Federal job information at Fort Riley is available on the internet. For information about the variety of opportunities, visit the employment Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/EmploymentOpp.asp>

There are two primary Federal employment Programs: **Appropriated Fund** (APF or Civil Service) and **Non-Appropriated Fund** (NAF). **APF and NAF Vacancies** are listed at the Army Civilian Personnel Online at www.cpol.army.mil. Or call the local Civilian Personnel Office at (785) 239-6004 for more information.

The Directorate of Contracting provides a list of active

contracts, as well as Fort Riley area construction business opportunities and information on submitting bids. For more information, visit <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/Contracting.asp>

AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) employment opportunities are available. Visit <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/default.asp> for more information.

Stay InTouch with Fort Riley. E-mails about upcoming job opportunities are available by visiting <http://www.riley.army.mil/view/article.asp?id=013-2005-02-08-47167-2> and joining the InTouch list.